

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FINANCE COMMITTEE
WORKING SESSION
DECEMBER 29, 2014
TOWN HALL
6:00 PM**

Board of Selectmen Members Present: David A. Smith, Jr., Chairman
Nadine A. Hawver, Clerk
Rene C. Wood

Finance Committee Members Present: David Steindler, Chairman,
John James
David Macy

Others Present: Rhonda LaBombard, Town Administrator
Alicia Dulin, Assistant to the Town Administrator
Brent Getchell, Fire Chief
Vito Valentini, School Committee
Bonnie Silvers, School Committee
Dennis Sears, School Committee
David Hastings, Superintendent, Southern Berkshire Regional School District

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

MEET WITH FIRE CHIEF:

The Board met with Fire Chief Brent Getchell to discuss a timeline and plans for replacing fire trucks. Discussion ensued regarding which engines will need to be replaced, when the engines will need to be replaced, cost, shared services for fire equipment and grants for fire equipment. The Board thanked Chief Getchell for his time.

Fire Chief Brent Getchell left the meeting at 6:52 PM

VOTE ON CHANGE OF MANAGER FOR BLUE DOOR CAFÉ DBA PJ'S COUNTRY STORE:

Administrator LaBombard stated that paperwork has been received regarding a change of manager for Blue Door Café for the liquor license transfer from Jaqueline Robarge to Ana Olivieri. Selectman Wood moved to accept the change of manager for Blue Door Café dba P.J.'s Country Store for the liquor license transfer application from Jaqueline Robarge to Ana Olivieri, seconded by Selectman Hawver. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator LaBombard asked the Board if they would be willing to meet with Jim Olivieri to discuss the vision for the Bartholomew Building. It was the consensus of the Board to meet with Jim Olivieri at the January 16th meeting at 2:00 PM.

POLICE DEPARTMENT CAMERAS:

Administrator LaBombard stated that it would \$17,000-\$20,000 to outfit all Police Cruisers and purchase 4 body cameras for the officers. Selectman Wood asked if the money to pay for these items could come from the Berkshire School Gift account. Administrator LaBombard stated that the money could come from that account. Selectman Wood moved to purchase 3 police cruiser cameras and 4

body cameras for the Police Department utilizing the Berkshire School Gift account money, seconded by Selectman Hawver. Discussion ensued regarding Chairman Smith's concern that the Berkshire School Gift account money is getting used so often. Selectman Wood withdrew her motion. It was the consensus of the Board to have Administrator LaBombard follow up with Chief Munson and get some estimates from him regarding how much money this could potentially save the Town and have Administrator LaBombard call the Town's Insurance company to see if they offer anything for the Police Department being equipped with cruiser and body cameras.

David Steindler, John James and David Macy from the Finance Committee entered the meeting at 7:00 PM. Vito Valentini, Bonnie Silvers and Dennis Sears of the School Committee and David Hasting, Superintendent of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District entered the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Chairman Steindler opened the Finance Committee meeting at 7:00 PM

Vito Valentini distributed a cost explanation sheet and stated that the School Committee will be meeting with each of the five towns to discuss the proposed roof and boiler project for Mount Everett High School and Undermountain Elementary School. Mr. Valentini gave an overview and breakdown of the project and costs. Discussion ensued. Mr. Valentini stated that he would get answers to the following questions: Where pellets will be stored, where the pellets will be purchased from, if the pellets will absorb moisture and if there is any explosion hazards.

Discussion ensued regarding a date and time for a public hearing regarding the roof and boiler project. Mr. Valentini stated that the public hearing would be on January 21st at 6:30 PM.

Selectman Hawver moved to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by Selectman Wood the motion carried unanimously.

John James moved to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting, seconded by David Macy. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Smith and Chairman Steindler adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Alicia Dulin
Assistant to Town Administrator

Documents were reviewed at this meeting:
Change of Manager Forms for Blue Door Café dba P.J.'s Country Store
Roof and Boiler Project Cost Explanation Sheet